

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0412

Title: Remove “squaw” from place name designations

Primary

Sponsor: Carol C. Juneau

Status: As introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:	0	0
Revenue:	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	0	0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

1. The Trust Land Management Division (TLMD) does not produce maps or name geographic features on its own. It will be necessary to place formal requests with the U.S.G.S. to change names. It is unknown how many requests may be necessary.
2. In order to comply with Section 1 (1) and (2), and review all six million acres of trust land under state jurisdiction, the TLMD would need to review approximately three thousand (3,000) U.S.G.S. topographic quads covering the state of Montana.
3. The U.S.G.S. already maintains listings of geographic feature names. The Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) within the Montana State Library has access to the U.S.G.S. lists. It would be unnecessary for the DNRC to compile new lists.

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4. The TLMD can comply with Section 1 (3) through (6) as a normal course of action when maps are utilized as part of program administration and management.

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

5. Fish, Wildlife and Parks has no geographic features and/or sites containing the word “squaw” in the title.

Department of Transportation

6. There is no Transportation-owned land with “squaw” in title.
7. Any signs with “squaw” in the title would be replaced on highways at normal replacement time.
8. The Transportation Planning Division is tasked with maintaining and updating the county map sheets for the Department of Transportation. This includes the individual sheets, the incorporated cities and towns, as well as the urban plats. As the land managing agencies in the state comply with the bill and identify sites and features with the word “squaw” and rename them, a subsequent change will be required to the MDT pertinent county map sheets. It is estimated that updating the mapping data base will require at least one week of staff time and an additional week of time spent clarifying and identifying the changes at a total estimated cost of \$1500 which should be able to be absorbed with available resources.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

None

TECHNICAL NOTES:

If the intent of this legislation is to remove the word “squaw” from the name of geographic features, it may be appropriate to urge the U.S.G.S. to conduct the inventories and change the names as requested. It is unclear what the intent or future use of the lists compiled under Section 1 (1) and (2) will be. Compiling these lists will be time consuming and costly. It would appear that the intent of the legislation could be satisfied with Section 1 (3) through (6).